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CPYRGHT HONOLULU (AP) -- A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

AGENCY IN HONOLULU SAYS HE HAS NO COMMENT ON FORMER EAST-WEST CENTER GRANTEE JAMES ANTHONY'S CHARGE THAT CIA AGENTS MAY BE AMONG THE FIRST DELEGATION OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS GOING TO FIJI LATER THIS YEAR.

ANTHONY, WHO HAS BEEN IN HAWAII AS A UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII STUDENT FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, MADE THE STATEMENT IN A TALK IN SUVA, FIJI. HE HAS RETURNED TO HIS HOME, BUT IS EXPECTED TO GO TO AUSTRALIA FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.

ANTHONY SPOKE TO ABOUT 1,000 PERSONS AT A MEETING IN FIJI, AND CALLED THE PEACE CORPS "A FORM OF MODERN PATER-NALISM." EARLIER THIS YEAR, ANTHONY HAD THREATENED TO TRY TO AROUSE PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE PEACE CORPS WHEN HE RETURNED TO FIJI.

DR. JOHN STALKER, HEAD OF THE PEACE CORPS TRAINING CENTER IN HAWAII, SAID ANTHONY'S CHARGE ABOUT THE CIA AGENTS IN THE PEACE CORPS "A RATHER UNIMPORTANT CHARGE."

STALKER SAID, "I'D BE VERY SURPRISED IF THERE WERE ANY CIA AGENTS IN THE PEACE CORPS DELEGATION TO FIJI."

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CIA Talk Unimportant

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Dr. John Stalker, head of Peace Corps training here, called statements by James Anthony "like John Birch screaming except from the other side."

He described Anthony's claim that the CIA has planted agents among the Peace Corps' 70 volunteers in Fiji "a rather unimportant charge."

"This is a tired question," he said of the accused infiltration.

"President Kennedy and President Johnson have reiterated over and over again that the Peace Corps has nothing to do with any other international agency."

Each of the Peace Corps volunteers goes through normal Civil Service check to see if he or she is employed by any other federal agency or office, Stalker said.

"I'd be very surprised if there were any CIA agents in the Peace Corps delegation to Fiji," he added.

A spokesman for the CIA in Honolulu said today he had no comment on Anthony's charge and that he had no knowledge of it.